







N-NO!!

WHY?!

IT SOUNDS
SCARY!!

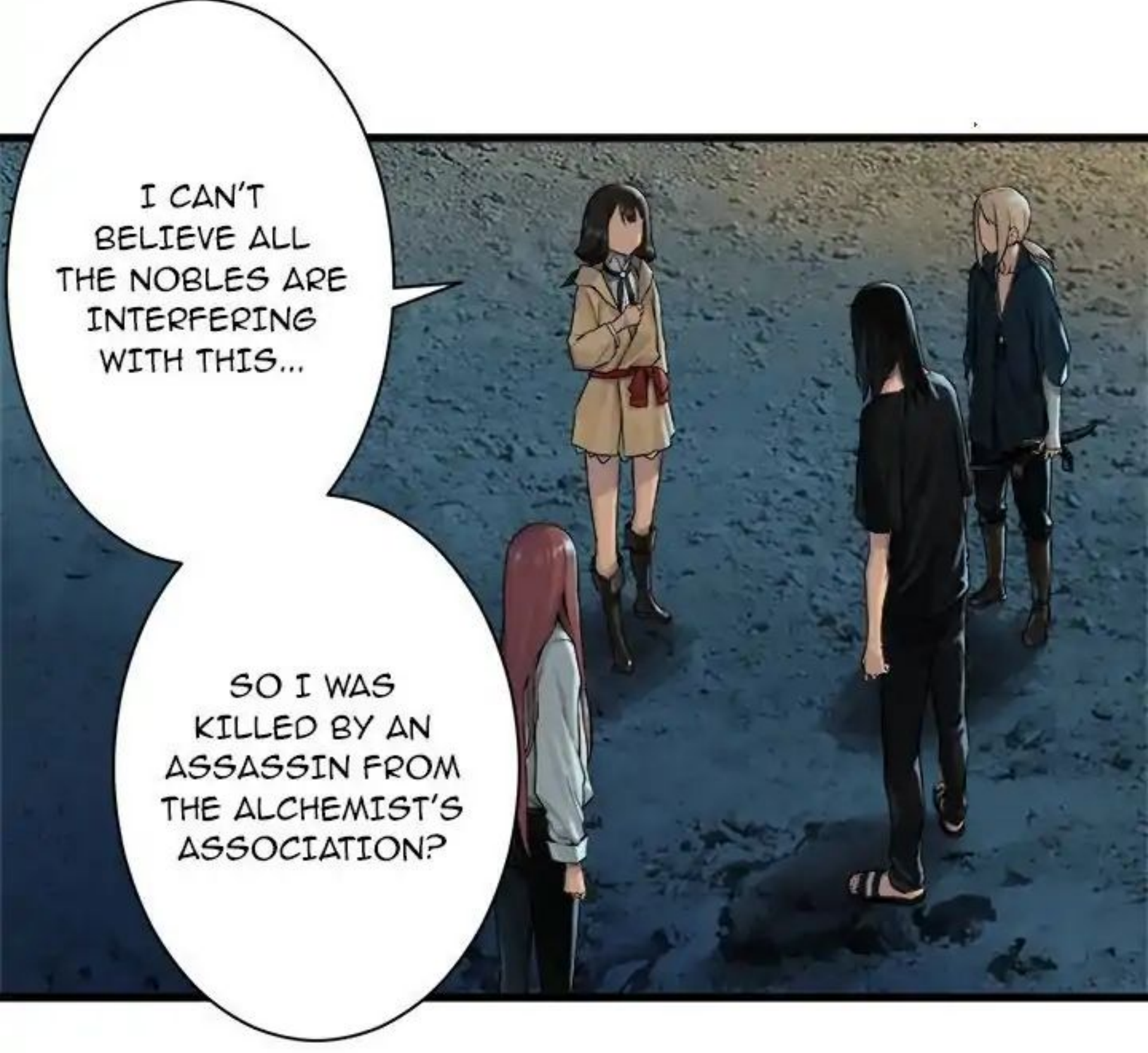
HER SUMMON



I-IS THAT
TRUE?!

YEAH.

YOU NEARLY
DIED, YOU KNOW.

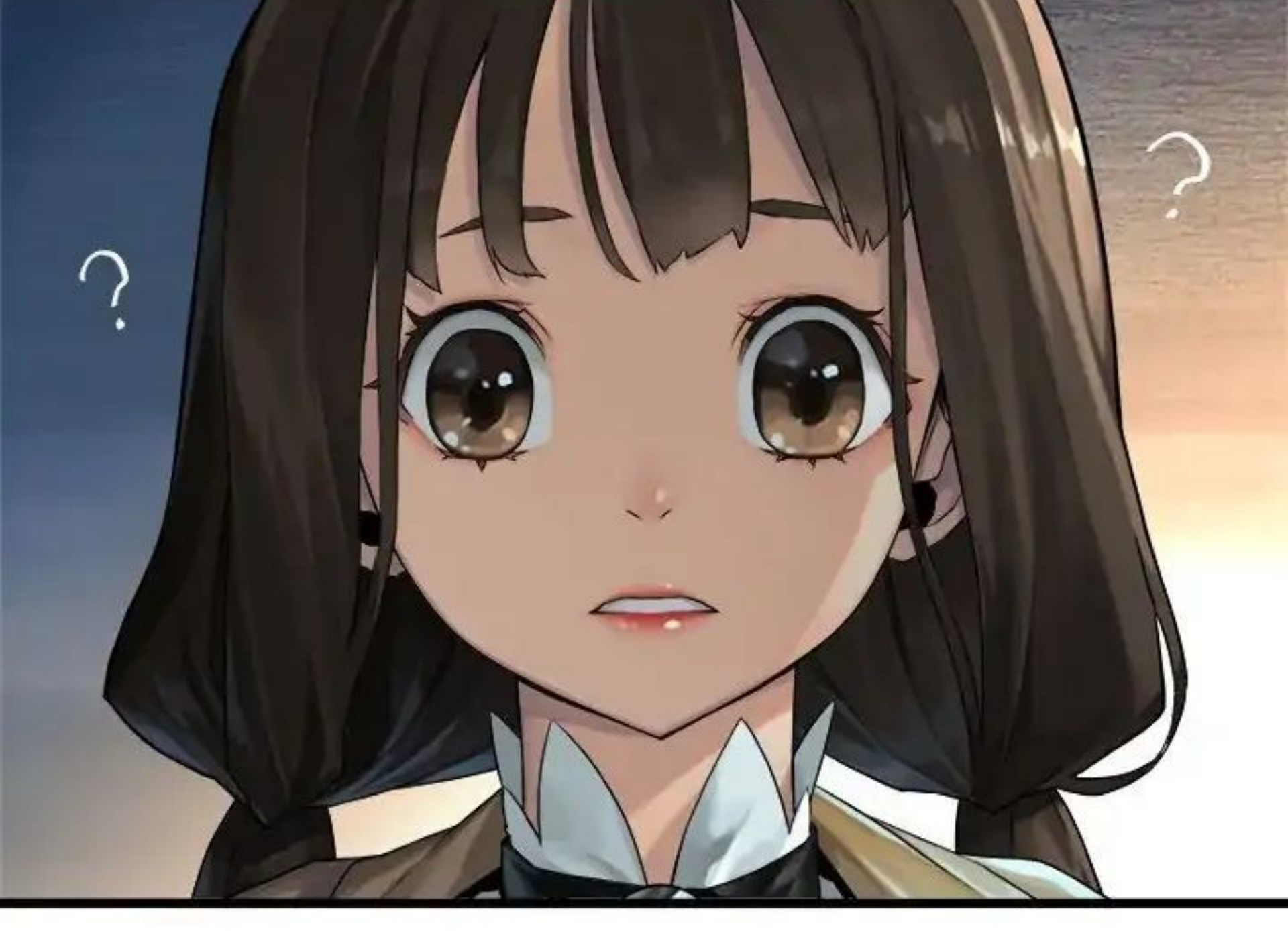


I CAN'T
BELIEVE ALL
THE NOBLES ARE
INTERFERING
WITH THIS...

SO I WAS
KILLED BY AN
ASSASSIN FROM
THE ALCHEMIST'S
ASSOCIATION?

AH,
WELL...



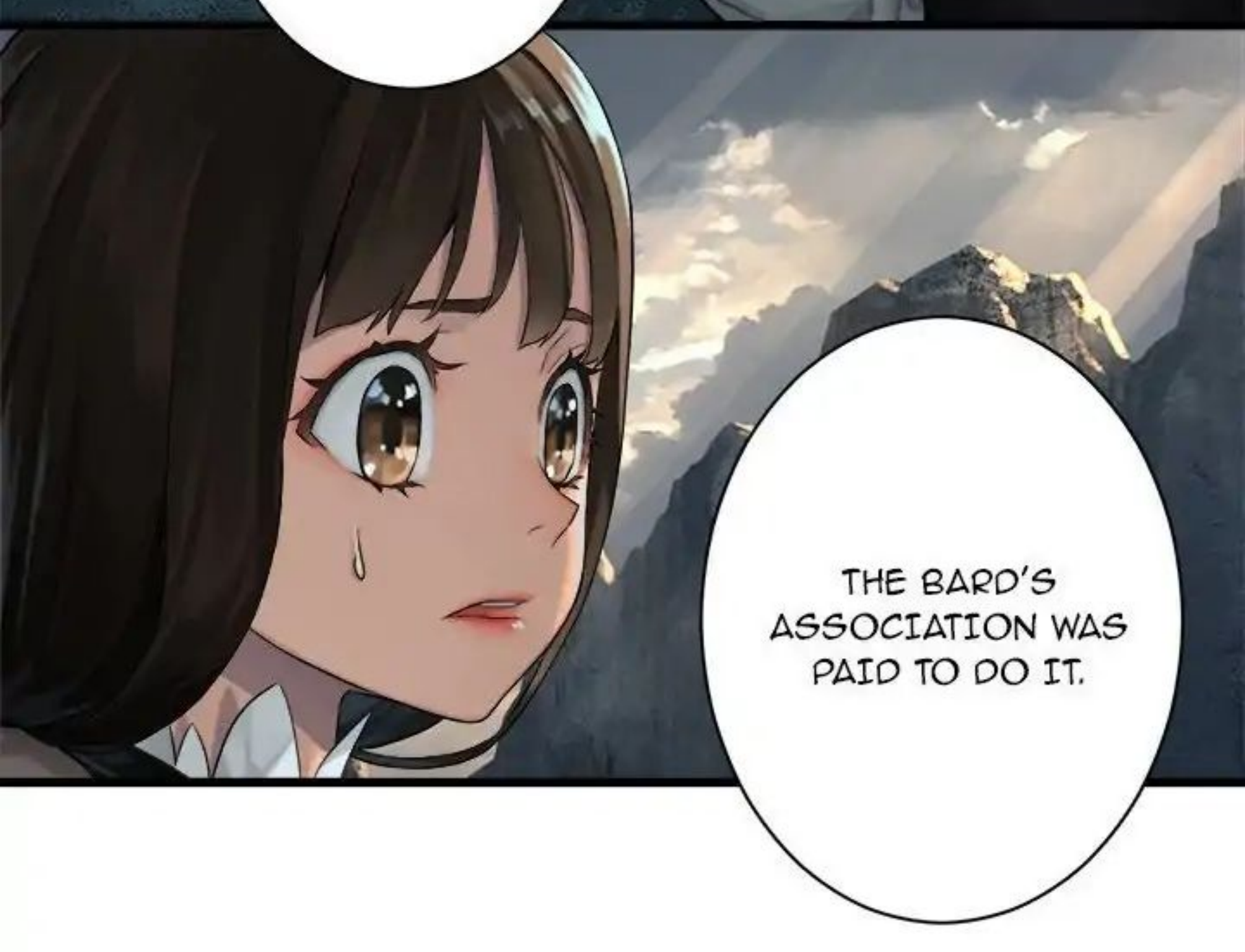




...EH?

THE ONE WHO KILLED YOU...

WAS ME!



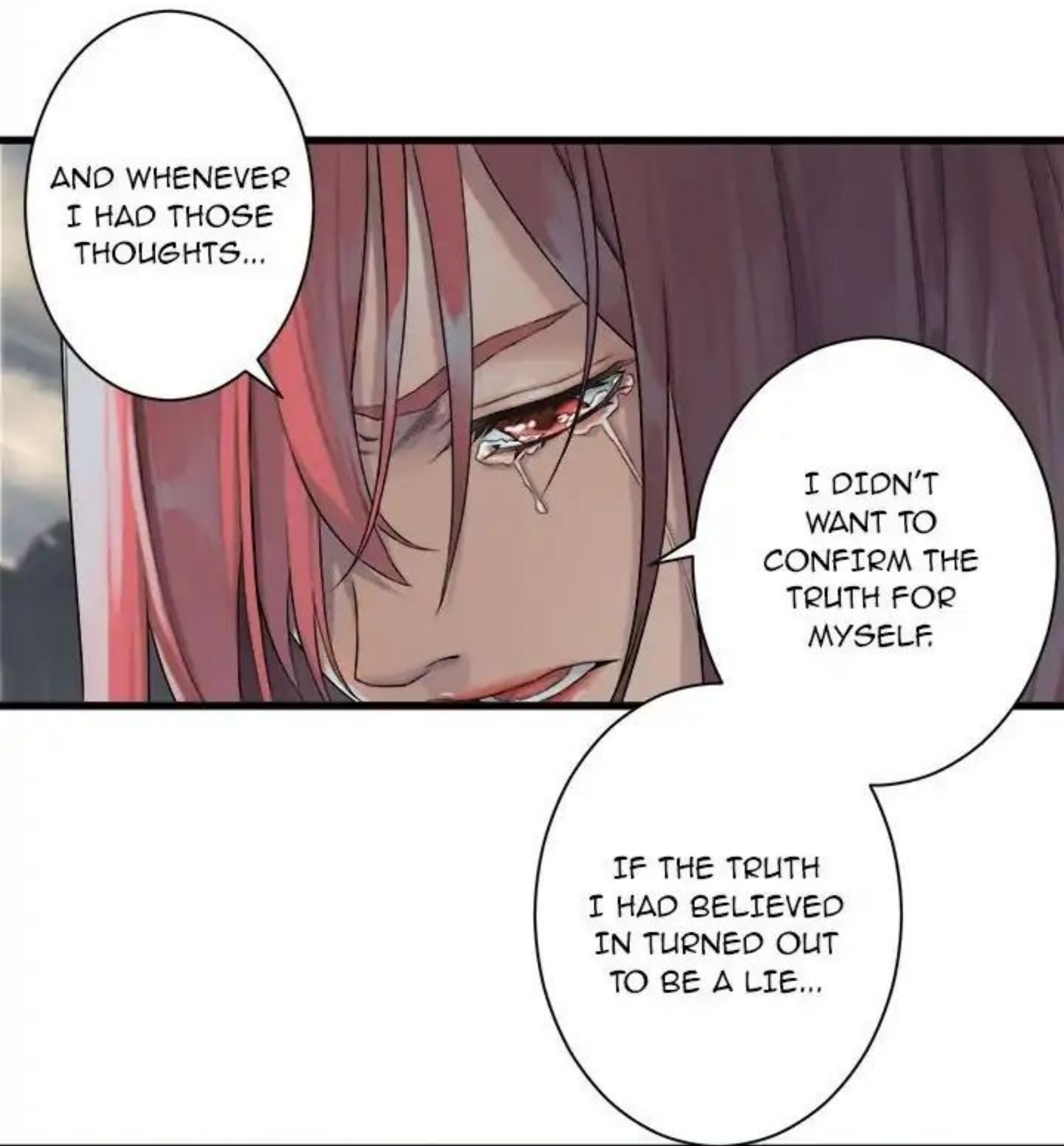
THE BARD'S ASSOCIATION WAS PAID TO DO IT.



I WAS SINGING OF HOW MUCH DANGER THE KINGDOM WAS IN DUE TO THE KING'S STUPIDITY...

BUT I FELT IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD...

THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE TRUE.



AND WHENEVER I HAD THOSE THOUGHTS...

I DIDN'T WANT TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH FOR MYSELF.

IF THE TRUTH I HAD BELIEVED IN TURNED OUT TO BE A LIE...



...THEN THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO MAKE MONEY AND SURVIVE WOULD BE GONE TOO...

I IGNORED THAT NAGGING FEELING, SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEEL GUILTY.



AND IT WAS ONLY ONCE I'D STABBED YOU IN THE HEART...



"PEOPLE DON'T CARE ABOUT SUFFERING THEY CAN'T SEE WITH THEIR OWN TWO EYES."

THEY DON'T WANT TO KNOW, OR EVEN THINK ABOUT IT."

I AGREED WITH THAT...

BUT AS TIME PASSED, I ALSO REALIZED ONE OTHER THING.

THAT THE TRULY IMPORTANT THING...

MIGHT JUST BE THE THING WE'RE AVOIDING FINDING OUT.

I GUESS THIS MIGHT BE TRUE...

BUT NOW I WAS SURE.

THE NOBLES HAVE ELIMINATED THE EXPEDITIONS SO FAR...

TO CLAIM THE THRONE.

WOULD I BE ABLE TO INFORM HIS MAJESTY AND HIS PEOPLE OF THIS?

JUST HOW MUCH MORE DANGER WILL I BE IN IF I DO THAT?

AND JUST
HOW MANY...

THINGS THAT
I DON'T WANT
TO KNOW...

WILL I FIND
WHEN I GO
TO THE
NORTH?

IT'S
HONESTLY...

REALLY
SCARY.

BUT...

I DOUBT
THERE'S
ANYONE WHO
CAN MAKE
A WISE
DECISION...

IF THEY
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THEY
DON'T WANT
TO KNOW.

I THINK...

YOU'RE
READY TO
BECOME A
WISE
PERSON.



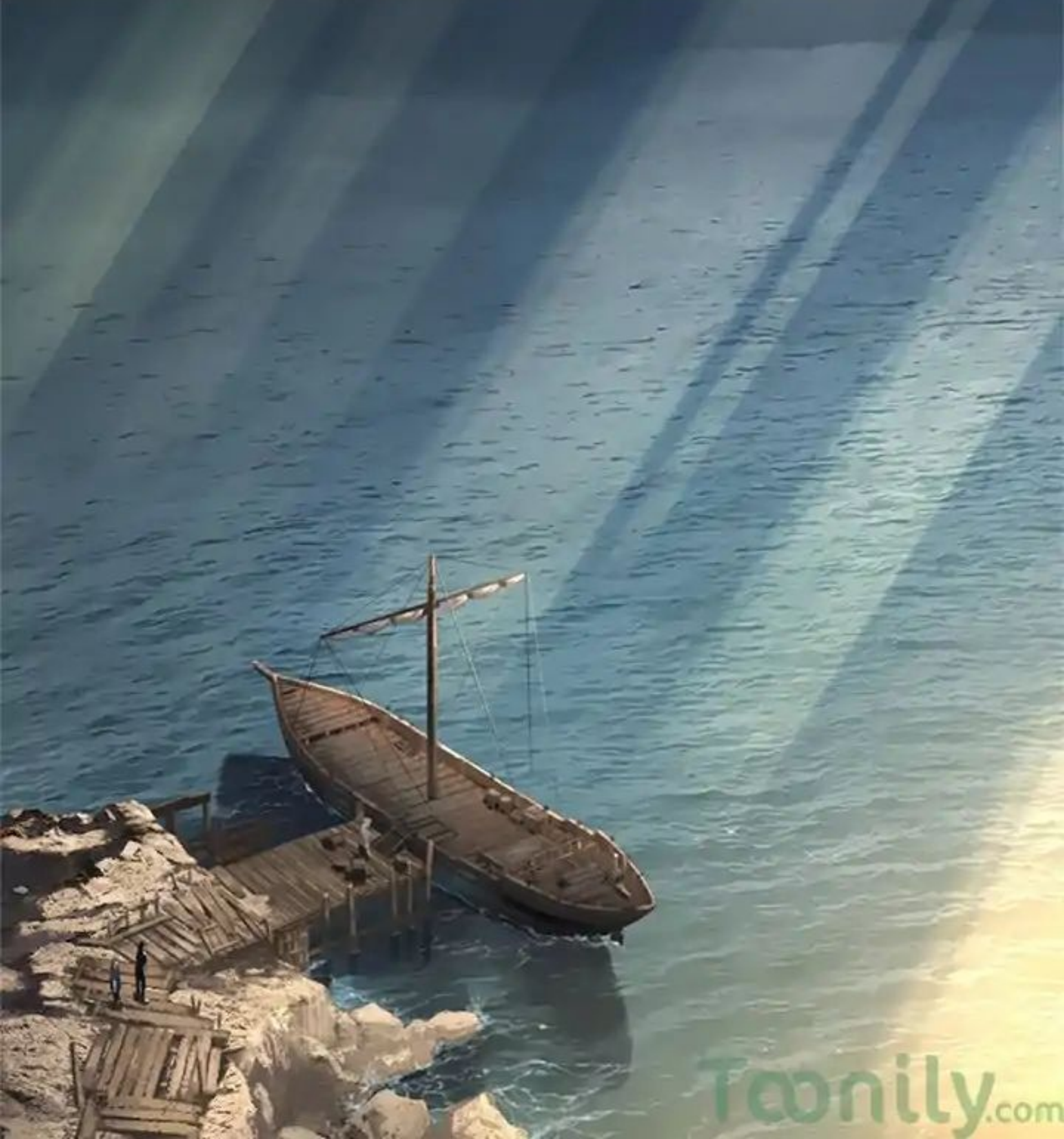
PLEASE
MAKE GREAT
SONGS...

FOR
EVERYONE!



OKAY!

I'LL DO
THAT!





ARE WE
READY TO
LEAVE?

AH! BY
THE WAY LORD
YUTUBA...

DON'T YOU
THINK THERE'S
MORE TO THAT
GRAMPS THAN
WE CAN SEE?

RIGHT?

BASED ON
WHAT HAPPENED
BEFORE, HE MUST'VE
GONE TO THE
NORTH...

I THINK WE
SHOULD ASK HIM
WHAT HAPPENED.

LORD
YUTUBA!

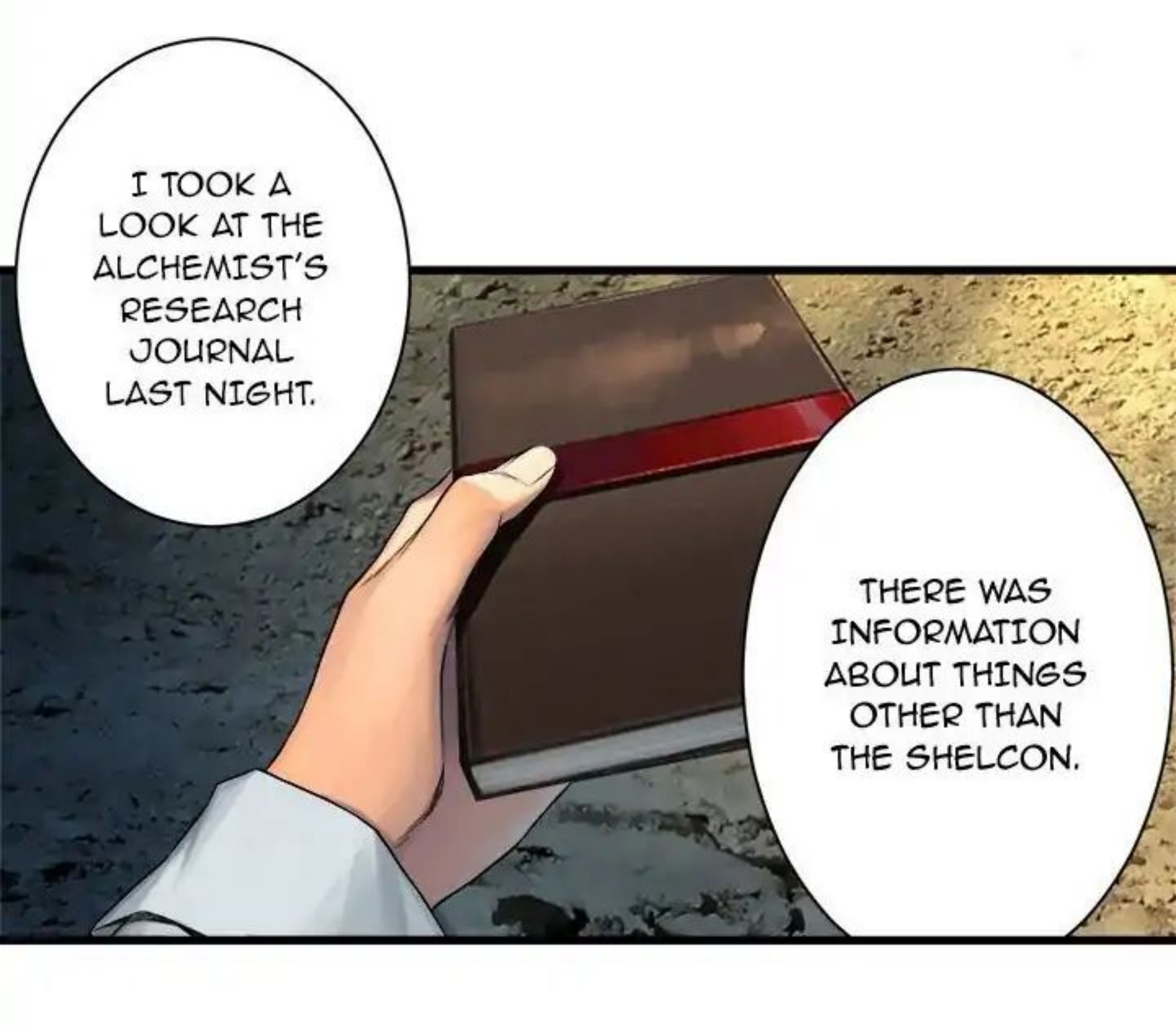
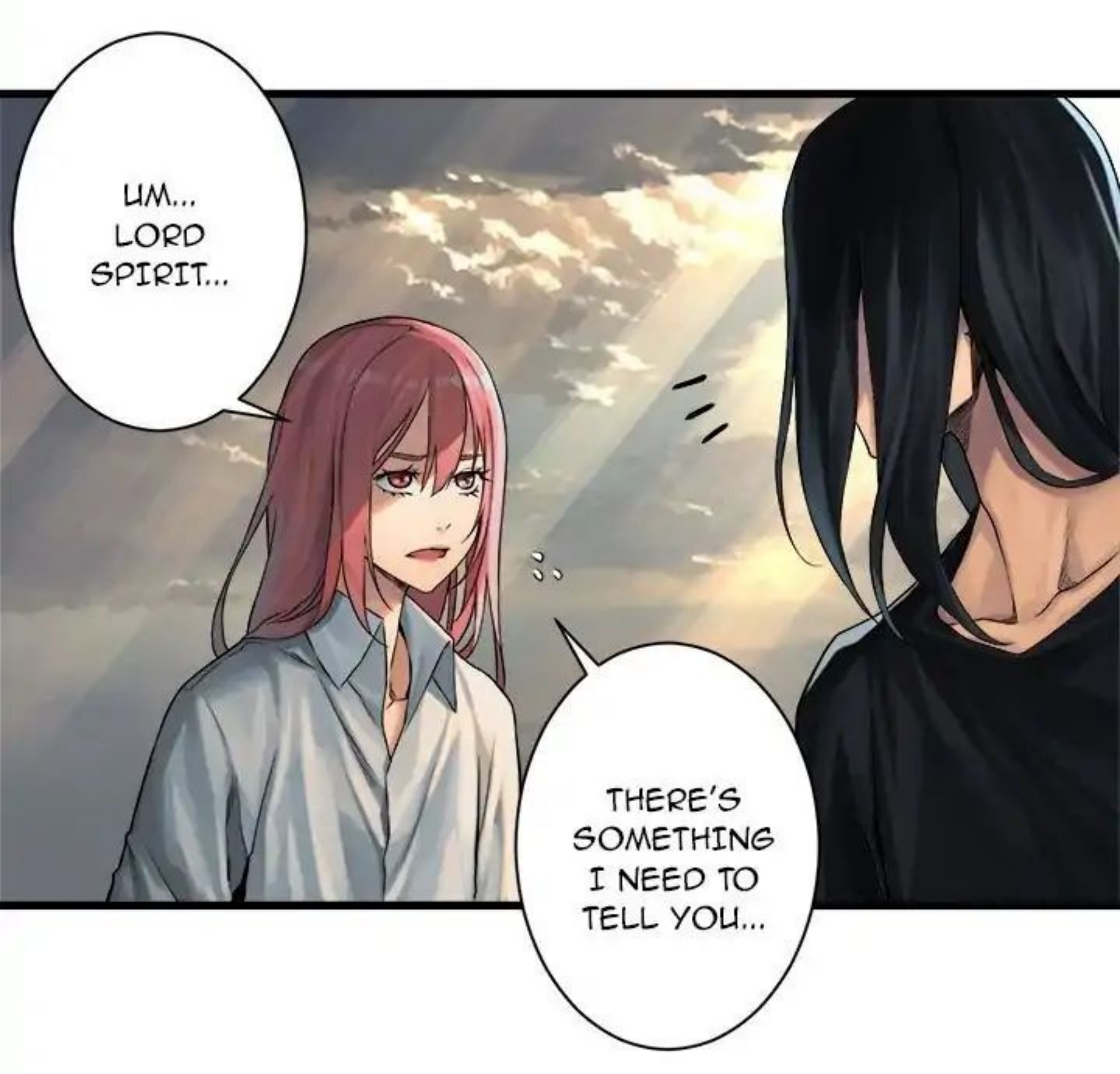
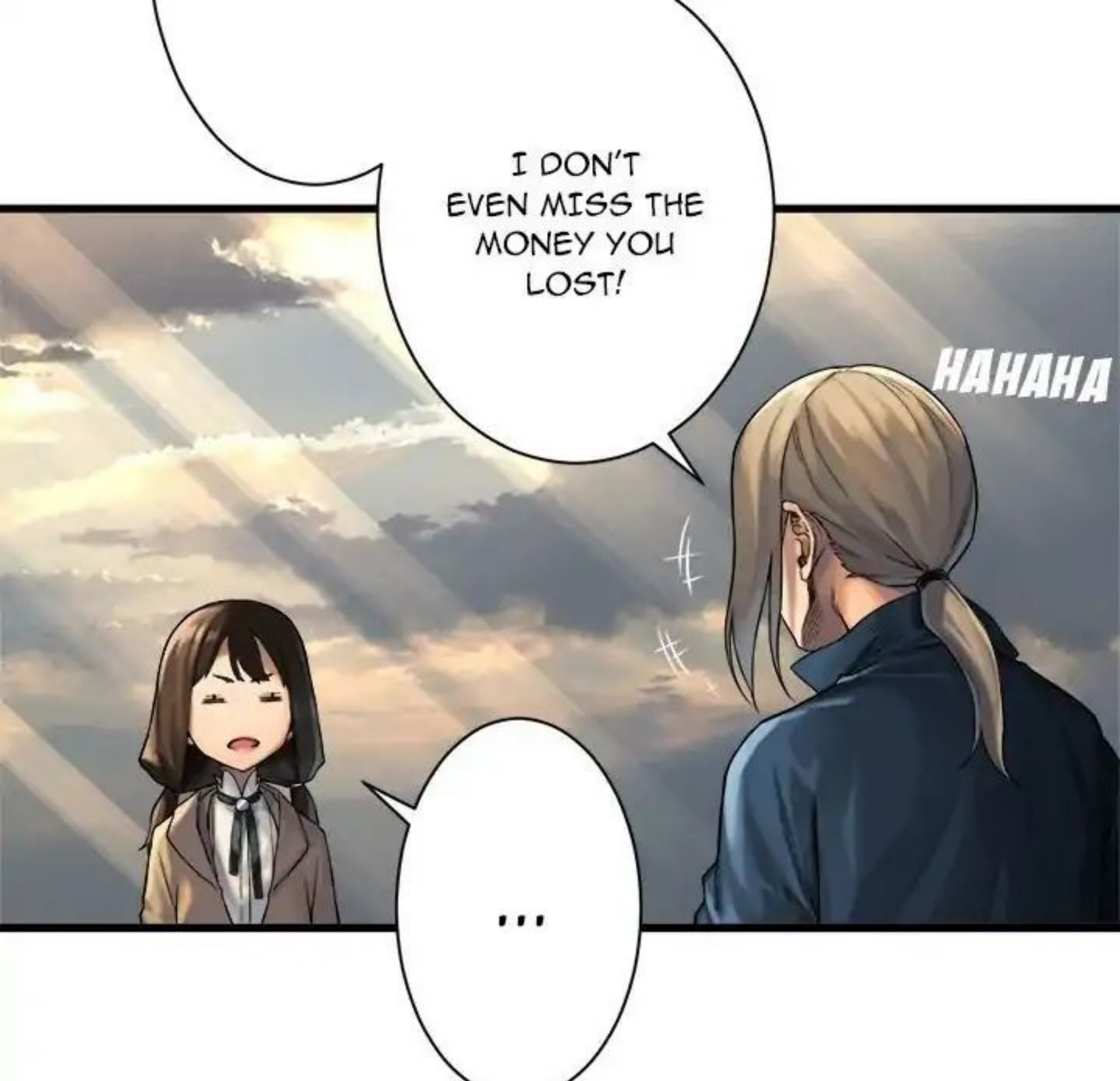
AH, I GUESS
THEY'RE DONE
TALKING.

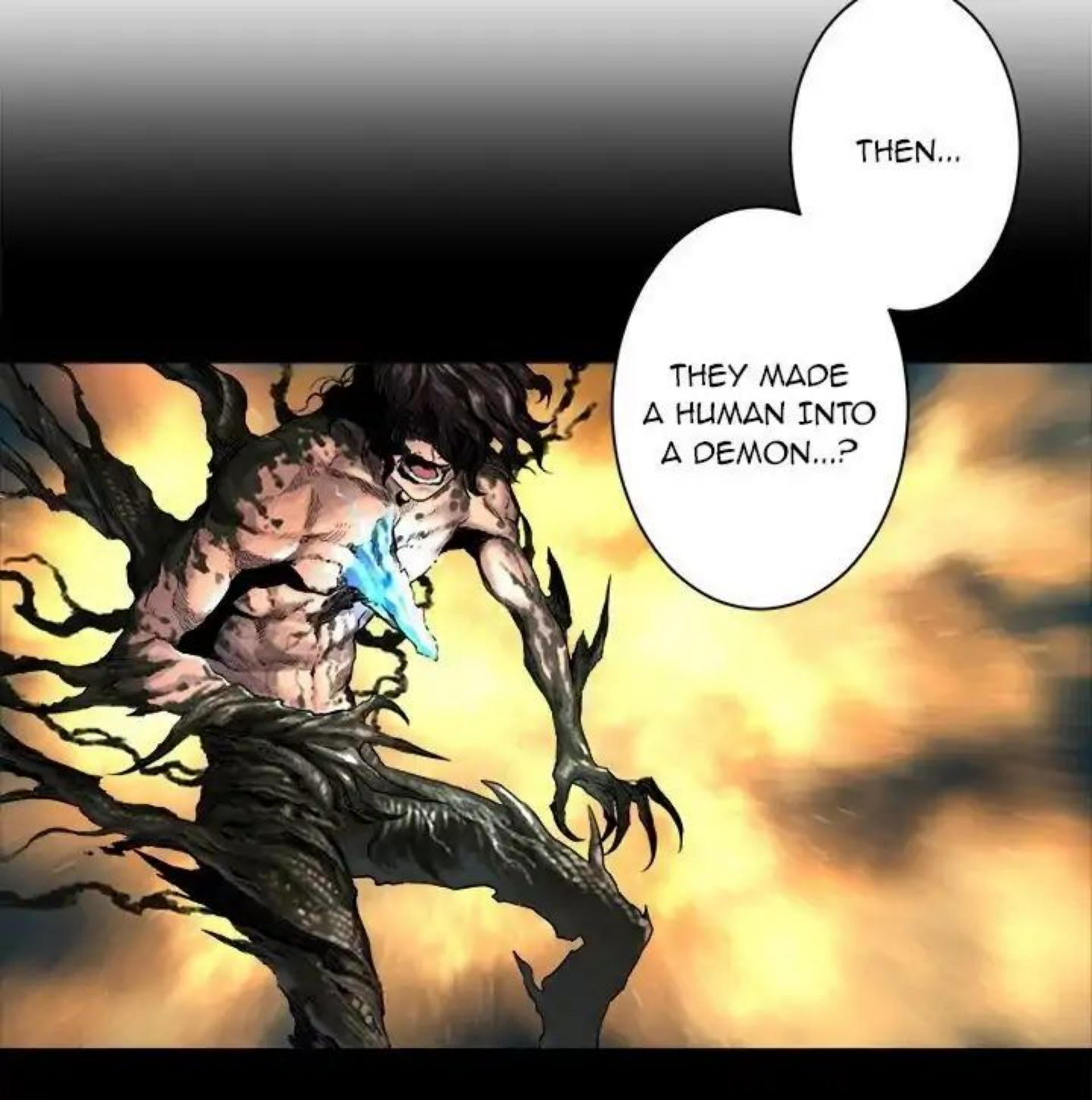
CAN WE
LEAVE NOW?

YEAH,
THE GRAMPS
SAID HE'D TAKE
US TO THE
NORTH.

AND FOR
FREE!

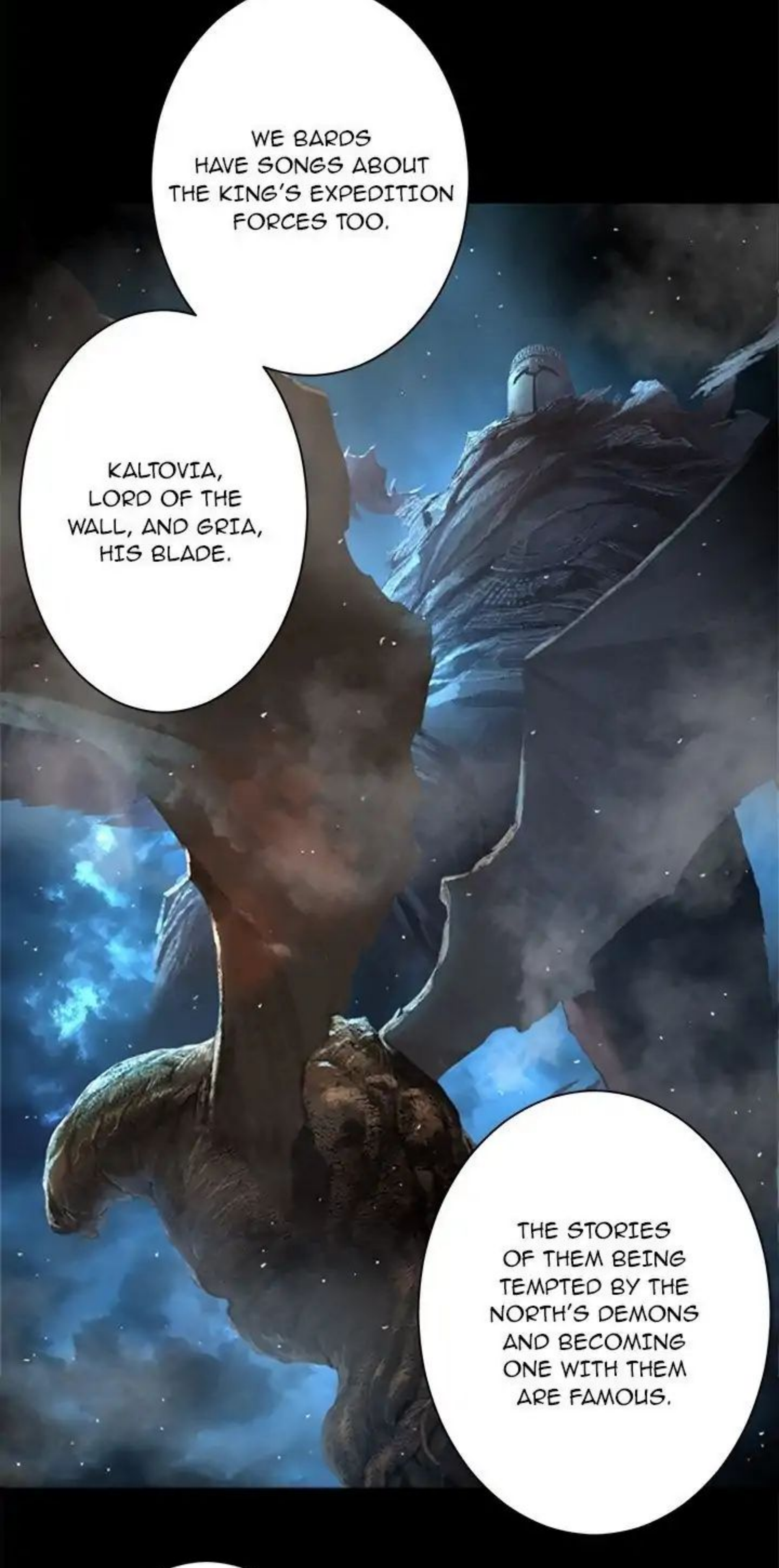
ISN'T THAT
A RELIEF,
MISS MAINA?





THEN...

THEY MADE
A HUMAN INTO
A DEMON...?



WE BARDS
HAVE SONGS ABOUT
THE KING'S EXPEDITION
FORCES TOO.

KALTOVIA,
LORD OF THE
WALL, AND GRIA,
HIS BLADE.

THE STORIES
OF THEM BEING
TEMPTED BY THE
NORTH'S DEMONS
AND BECOMING
ONE WITH THEM
ARE FAMOUS.



AND THEIR
FRIEND AND ALLY,
THE COURT WIZARD
GODIN...

HE WAS
THOUGHT TO HAVE
DISAPPEARED IN
THE NORTH...



DON'T
TELL ME...

THEY
BECAME
DEMONS
BECAUSE...



YES. THE
ALCHEMIST'S
ASSOCIATION
MAY HAVE BEEN
BEHIND IT.

THE DEMON
YOU FOUGHT
LAST NIGHT...



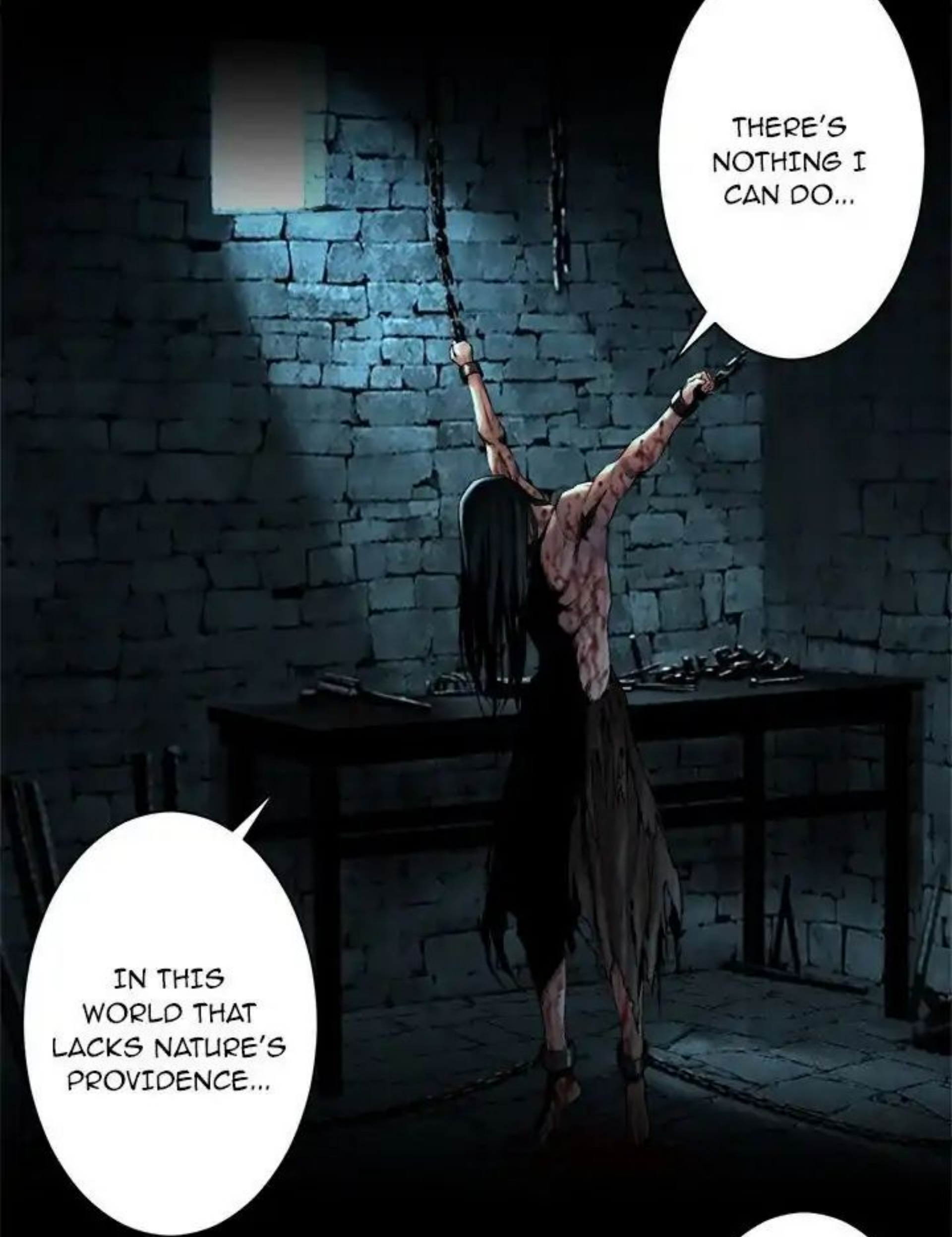
IT SAYS...



THE WIZARD
GODIN WAS USED...
TO MAKE IT.

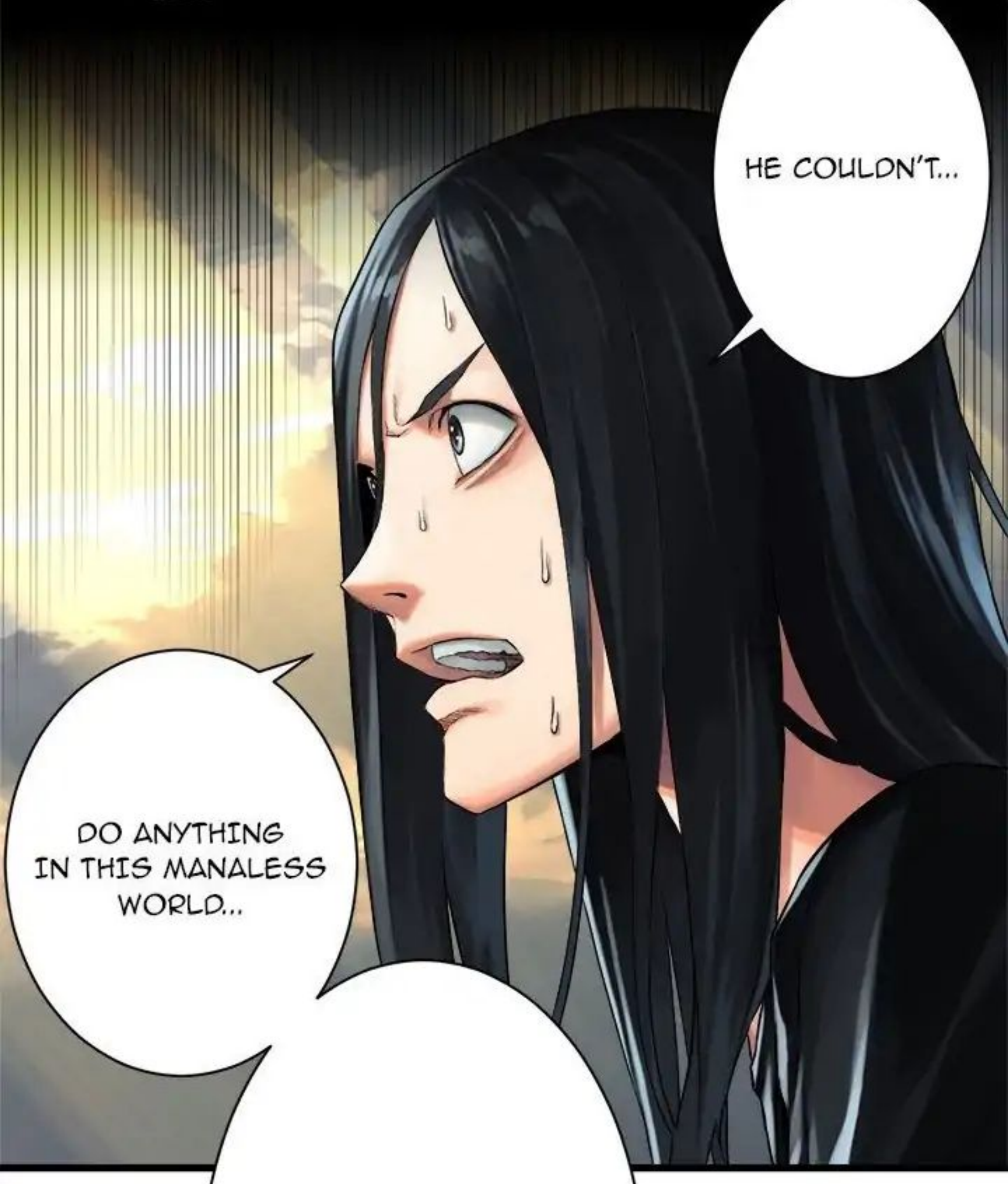
KALTOVIA
OF THE DUSK...
MY OLD FRIEND...

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
ME ALREADY...?



THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO...

IN THIS
WORLD THAT
LACKS NATURE'S
PROVIDENCE...



HE COULDN'T...

DO ANYTHING
IN THIS MANALESS
WORLD...

THE ONLY
THING HE COULD
DO... WAS WAIT
FOR KALTOVIA'S
HELP.



IT DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE THAT
THE EXPEDITION
FORCE THAT HAD
BEEN FIGHTING THE
DEMONS FOR
DECADES...

WOULD
SUDDENLY
SWITCH
SIDES.

IT LOOKS LIKE
THE ALCHEMIST'S
ASSOCIATION CAUSED
GODIN'S DISAPPEARANCE

...SOMEONE ELSE, LEARNED
AT THE VERY LEAST.

LORD
RONIAN
SAID HE WAS
A STUDENT OF
THE COURT
WIZARD...

MAYBE
HE WENT TO
THE NORTH TO
FIND HIS MISSING
TEACHER...

WE NEED
TO INVESTIGATE
WHAT HAPPENED
IN THE NORTH.

AS LONG AS
WE FIGURE OUT
WHAT EXACTLY
HAPPENED, OR
FIND SOME EVIDENCE,
EVEN THE NOBLES
WON'T BE ABLE TO
DO ANYTHING.

THANKS
FOR THE INFO,
LUA.

HER SUMMON